GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a)the details of the registered pharmaceutical companies in the country and the value of their production;

(b)whether many unregistered pharmaceutical companies are producing medicines in the country;

(c)if so, the details thereof;

(d)whether any rules have been formulated by the Government to check such pharmaceutical companies; and

(e)if so, the action taken by the Government against the said companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFIARS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a):As per the information furnished by the Directorate General of Health Service, there are about 10,000 Pharmaceutical units in the country and the value of production is about Rs.36,000 crores.

(b) to(e): Manufacture of medicines should be carried out under a valid drug license issued by the State Drugs Licensing Authority. Manufacturing of drugs/medicines without a valid drug license is a punishable offense under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules. It is the responsibility of the State Drug Control Authorities to keep a strict vigilance in this regard. In case, any company/person found manufacturing medicines without a license, prosecution has to be filed in the Court of Law by the State Drugs Inspector.